

**In the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.- 8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently amended) A device for supporting a patient with respect to a computer tomography device, comprising:

a gantry with an examination aperture operable to receive a patient to be examined; and

a height adjusting device mounted on the gantry and operable to support a stretcher;

wherein a mounting axis of the height adjusting device is displaced laterally from an axis of an ~~[[the]]~~-examination aperture.

10. (Currently amended) The device of Claim 9 further comprising:

a load-bearing support arm operable to support the stretcher and connected with the height adjusting device such that the load-bearing support arm is adjustable in height, the load-bearing support arm rotatable about ~~[[an]]~~ the mounting axis.

11. (Currently amended) The device of claim 10, wherein the load-bearing arm is mounted to the height adjusting device with a rotary bearing operable to support the stretcher rotatably about ~~[[an]]~~ the axis.

12. (Previously presented) The device of Claim 11 further comprising:

a stretcher guide mounted on the rotary bearing, the stretcher guide operable to support the stretcher for longitudinal displacement.

13. (Previously presented) The device of claim 9, further comprising

a stretcher guide adapted to slidably receive the stretcher, the stretcher guide connected with the height adjusting device.

14. (Previously presented) The device of claim 10, wherein the axis of rotation of the support arm is a vertical axis with respect to the mounting surface of the computer tomography device.

15. (Previously presented) The device of claim 13, wherein the stretcher guide is mounted to a load-bearing support arm so as to be rotatable about a vertical axis.

16. (Previously presented) The device of claim 13, wherein the stretcher guide is adapted to permit a stretcher inserted therein to be displaced horizontally.

17. (Currently amended) The device of claim 9, further comprising  
a second height adjusting device mounted on the computer tomography device,  
a mounting axis of the second height adjusting device displaced laterally from the axis  
of the examination aperture.

18. (Previously presented) The device of claim 17 wherein the second height adjusting device is operable to support a stretcher adjustably in height.

19. (Previously presented) The device of claim 17 further comprising:  
a second load-bearing support arm rotatable about an axis through the second height-adjusting device; and  
a second stretcher guide mounted to the second support arm.

20. (Previously presented) The device of claim 17, wherein the stretcher guide and the second stretcher guide are disposed at opposite sides of the examination aperture.

21. (Previously presented) The device of claim 9, wherein the height adjustable device is rotatable about a vertical axis.

22. (Currently amended) A medical system, comprising:  
a computerized tomography device having an X-ray source and an X-ray detector disposed within a gantry having an aperture configured for accepting a patient;  
and

a height adjusting device operable to support a stretcher, the height adjusting device mounted to the gantry and a mounting axis thereof is displaced laterally from an axis of the examination aperture.

23. (Previously presented) The medical system of claim 22 further comprising:  
a load-bearing support arm rotatable about an axis through the height-adjusting device; and  
a stretcher guide mounted to the support arm.

24. (Currently amended) The system of claim 22, further comprising:  
a second a height adjusting device mounted to the gantry and a mounting axis thereof is displaced laterally from the axis of the aperture.

25. (Previously presented) The system of claim 24 further comprising:  
a second load-bearing support arm rotatable about an axis through the second height-adjusting device; and  
a second stretcher guide mounted to the second load-bearing support arm,

26. (Previously presented) The system of claim 22, further comprising  
a stretcher guide adapted to slidably receive the stretcher, the stretcher guide connected with the height adjusting device.

27. (Previously presented) The system of claim 25, further comprising  
a stretcher guide adapted to slidably receive the stretcher, the stretcher guide  
connected with the load-bearing support arm;

wherein the stretcher guide and the second stretcher guide are adapted such  
that the stretcher may be transferred between the stretcher guide and the second  
stretcher guide while remaining in continuous contact with at least one of the stretcher  
guide and the second stretcher guide.

28. (Currently amended) A device for supporting a patient with respect to a  
computer tomography device, comprising:

a load-bearing support arm rotatable about a vertical axis and mounted to the  
computer tomography device;

a stretcher guide mounted to the support arm; and

means for adjusting the height of the stretcher guide,

wherein the means for adjusting is mounted with a mounting axis displaced  
laterally from an axis of an examination aperture, ~~in the computer tomography device~~